

Base Ball in the Tropics.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	totals
Stars	2	3	1	2	1	2	0	0	2	13
Arttil	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	6

Time of game, 1:45 minutes.

The diamond, at the Recreation grounds, was occupied last Saturday afternoon by nines from the Star and the Artillery clubs. Various causes intervened to make a small audience but those present although they did not see a close game at least saw one of interest.

The Stars went first to the bat and pulled in two runs, the Artillerites tallying one. In the second both nines evened up in tallies, getting three each; the features being a long drive by Elston which gave him three bags and, per contra, a hard hit by McWilliams. It looked just then, from the batting of the Artillery boys, that they were "on" to the "box," and Babbitt, who held down the place, was for a time, on the anxious seat, Manager Carter holding Toyo Jackson on the field in "case of accident." In the third, Gorman managed to get home before a rather "close" decision sent Babbitt out at first. The soldier boys went out in one, two, three order, the feature of the inning being a "dandy" left hand catch by the ubiquitous Moore, of a high fly, hit by O'Meara. Even the newspaper den was hilarious. In the third the Stars were on deck; Gorman however lost a box (?) of cigars on the "strike out" of reliable Kiley. Moore got a base and — a run. The short got a base and, by a series of accidents, got home. Soper got first but died there, Gorman being caught in a thieving act on third. The "soldiers" went out, almost, in line. In the fifth the only noticeable play was Hart's quick return to first after Babbitt's caught out fly to second. The Artillery went out manfully. In the sixth Moore got first by sprinting, stole second, stole third and came home, as did also Elston. "Spieler" made a bad throw to second and Huffer got home as did also Bryan. Elston's pickups and quick play were noticeable in this inning. In the seventh, Bryan, the pitcher of the Artillery boys, sent three brilliant Star's to the bench in five balls. Babbitt evened up by causing three blue coats to go to the rear, with eight balls. From this point on there were no features worthy of comment with, maybe, the exception it was most noticeable that the Star's played an open gentlemanly game and Manager Carter feels justly proud of his team. Capt. Jack Winter and quartermaster-sergeant Chas. A. Smith were the umpires; C. L. Clement scorer.

This afternoon the Kams and Artillerists will have a try out, but no one wants to forget next Tuesday's game between the scintillating Stars and the almost invincible Kams.

Sporting Notes.

"Plugger" Bilmartin, the bicycle rider, whose riding here, at Cyclo-mere, created so much interest, is again making history at Sydney.

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The dimensions of the new America cup defender, the "Columbia," is as follows:

Length over all, 131 feet 6 inches; load water line, 89 feet 6 inches; beam, 24 feet; draught, 23 feet; mast, 107 feet 6 inches; deck to hounds, 77 feet; boom, 109 feet 8 inches; gaff, 70 feet; bowsprit, 38 feet; topmast, 64 feet; spinnaker boom, 73 feet; sail area, about 13,500 square feet.

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It is stated that the Prince of Wales is progressing in his golf studies and opinion is expressed that he will assuredly and speedily become an efficient player of the royal and ancient game. He will be an attendant of the coming Anglo-American universities games.

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Over \$2,000,000 has been spent by the State of Massachusetts in the building of improved highways. All of this sum has been secured from the Legislature through the efforts of the League of American Wheelmen and every wheelmen riding over them is indebted to the League for his pleasure.

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Tom Sharkey has received the following telegram from his manager, Tom O'Rourke, dated New York, June 11:

"Have accepted Jeffries' challenge to fight you early in September. You had better come here at once. There is nothing out there. Answer."

To the above the sailor replied: "Am at the springs, doing well and working right along. Will leave for New York in three weeks. Weather is rather warm here."

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The San Francisco Call states that: "The schooner yacht La Paloma has been sold by W. S. Goodfellow to Colonel George Macfarlane of Honolulu. The La Paloma will remain in San Francisco for the yachting season and will then be sailed to Honolulu."

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The Australian cricketers beat the Cambridge University team in a match in London on June 12, by ten wickets.

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It is said the America's cup challenger, Shamrock, will not be launched until the beginning of July, the progress of work on it being retarded by the fact that its designer, W. Fife, Jr., is suffering from influenza. According to an estimate, the contest, from first to last, will cost Sir Thomas Lipton about \$400,000. Capt. Hogarth and the crew of the Shamrock are preparing the rigging of the yacht. Sir Thomas Lipton has invited Lady Russell of Killowen, wife of the lord chief justice of England, to christen the Shamrock.

The Irish championship lawn tennis tournament was held again on the noted Fitzwilliam square turf at Dublin during the last week of May, and full reports of the matches have reached here. The meeting proved to be another great triumph for R. F. Doherty. He captured the singles, doubles and mixed doubles. His honors now include the English, Irish and international championships, the greatest crown ever worn by any tennis player.

A DESIRE TO ENTERTAIN.

A little newspaper whirlwind recently started up around the pulpit of Dr. Hills', the present pastor of the Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, the occasion being a series of evening sermons based on certain well-known books of fiction, as, for example, the novels of Victor Hugo, George Eliot, and Ruskin. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler gave the breeze a turn by protesting against a tendency to abandon the Bible as the sole text-book for the pulpit, and the newspapers let go a blast which sends it whirling about the heads of all the would be entertaining pulpitors of the wide world. Of course "fiction," in its best meaning, is a legitimate mode of imparting religious truth; our Lord's parables abound in fiction; and book reviews are as much easier than preaching, as they are more entertaining than dry and prosy theological disquisitions. What is of the first importance is, that preachers shall not forget their calling to produce in their hearers a spiritual effect, and that the church shall not become a play house or the pulpit a stage. The desire to entertain should never tempt the preacher to substitute for the Gospel a book-review, however pleasing.

The population of the earth is about 1,500,000,000, it being estimated in 1898 at 1,485,763,000. The Statesman's Year Book (an English publication) for 1897 estimated that four-fifths of the world's population, or 1,273,284,463 human beings were under the sway of ten powers, as follows: China, 402,680,000; British Empire, 383,488,469; Russian Empire, 129,545,000; France, 70,467,775; United States, 62,929,706; German Empire, 62,879,901; Austria-Hungary, 41,358,376; Japan, 41,818,215; Netherlands, 38,852,451; and the Ottoman Empire, 39,212,000. The estimate of the population of China is really guess-work, nothing more. It may exceed the figures given, or it may fall vastly below them. In fact, some authorities put China's population as low as 225,000,000. The population accorded Great Britain, France, and Germany is largely composed of Asiatics and Africans. This is especially the case with Great Britain, about 275,000,000 of the people under her sway being inhabitants of India.

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